

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please delete the centered heading Patent Claims.

Before claim 1, please insert the following heading at the left-hand margin:

We Claim:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A device for inspecting filled and sealed containers, ~~consisting of~~ comprising a first carousel (3) in which the containers (F) that are to be tested can be rotated about their longitudinal axis so that the contents in the containers begin to rotate at a sufficient speed to cause any foreign bodies that might be present to be stirred up from the bottom of the vessel, and ~~consisting of~~ a second carousel (4) which follows the first carousel (3) in the direction of conveyance for conveying containers with a bottom clearance, ~~this the second~~ carousel being assigned at least one inspection device (20) that operates by the dark field method for detecting light scattering foreign bodies in the container contents, ~~and characterized in that the two first and second~~ carousels (3, 4) are arranged side by side with their partial circles tangent so that the containers (F) can be transferred directly from the first carousel (3) to the second carousel (4).

2. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ and a star wheel (2) which transports the containers with a bottom clearance is arranged upstream from the first carousel (3) as seen in the direction of transport and is assigned one of at least one bottom blow-off device (10) and/or a bottom inspection station (11) that operates by the bright field method.

3. (Currently amended) The device according to ~~Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, and an intake inspection (9) for one of checking the filling levels and/or the container closures is provided one of upstream from the star wheel (2) and/or the first carousel (3).

4. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein unsealed containers are not transferred from the star wheel (2) or the first carousel (3).

5. (Currently amended) The device according to ~~at least one of Claims 1 through 4,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the first carousel (3) has multiple drivable rotating tables (12) on a partial circle, said disks being engageable or disengageable in a frictionally locked manner via controllable magnetic couplings (23, 27) with a drive element that all the rotating tables have in common (14,15).

6. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the magnetic clutches couplings (23, 27) are hysteresis clutches with a variable torque.

7. (Currently amended) The device according ~~at least one of the preceding Claims 1 through 6, characterized in that~~ to Claim 1, and luminescent screens (18, 19) that are diametrically opposed and are adapted to the curvature of the path so they are equidistant are provided in at least some sections on both sides of the peripheral path of the second carousel (4), simultaneously lighting up the containers (F) laterally at the same time while the bottom is being photographed.

8. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the luminescent screens (18, 19) are equipped with LEDs that can be triggered in a pulsating pattern and are always triggerable simultaneously with a photograph of the bottom.